

FORM B - BUILDING

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Massachusetts Historical Commission



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 3 Abbott Road

Historic Name Errol & Elinor Locke House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1919

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation not visible

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

attached garage

Major Alterations (with dates) 1989 - roof over entrance

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 30,000 SF

Setting mixed 20th century neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

BUILDING FORM (3 Abbott Road)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The house at 3 Abbott Road is a 2 1/2-story, Colonial Revival dwelling sheathed in wood shingles and capped by an asphalt-shingled, side-gable roof. Centered on the three bay facade, the main entrance is set into a shallow recess and consists of a wide six-panel door flanked by plain pilasters with partial sidelights and transom lights. The smoother outer columns have foliate capitals. The entrance is sheltered by a single-story, entrance porch a single bay wide, supported by Roman Doric columns resting on a brick patio. At the front there are two segments of bulbous balusters. Other Colonial-inspired features include the dentil motif on the frieze and the two large balls at the front corners of the porch. On either side of the entrance porch is an individual 8/8 window set above a panel and capped by an entablature. The first floor facade windows are flanked by full-length louvered shutters which extend down to the ground. On the upper level of the facade there is a central tripartite window consisting of a 8/8 sash flanked by two 4/4 windows. The center window is flanked on either side by a 8/8 window with molded surrounds and without an entablature lintel. Above the windows, a plain frieze and modillion course extend along the front only; the side gables display shallow returns. On the front roof slope are three gable dormers with 6/6 sash. Rising from the roof are two interior brick chimneys - one on the front roof slope and one at the rear.

A single-story sunporch with multi-paned French doors spans the left elevation. The front elevation of the sunporch is sheathed in smooth horizontal boards with wood shingles on the remaining elevations. The sunporch is capped by a sloped roof. Above the sunporch, the front corner window consists of a vertical strip of five lights. The right side of the house displays a second story overhang above a three-sided bay window and sheathed in vertical boards on the front with shingles on the remaining sides. Setback and offset to the right is an attached garage with two overhead doors capped by segmental arches. The garage is connected at the second floor level with an open breezeway below. Two full gable wall dormers and a half-gable dormer project from the front roof slope.

A curving brick walk leads to the front door from the paved driveway. The front yard is shaded by a large maple tree.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

It appears that this house was built in 1919 for Errol and Elinor Locke. Elinor Locke was first assessed for a house and garage on Abbott Road in 1920. Directories indicate that Alonzo Locke died in October 1917, leaving a widow Alice and son, Errol living at 14 Oakland Road. Soon thereafter, it appears that Errol began construction of his own house on Abbott Road. Errol Locke was employed as a manufacturer in Cambridge.

The Lockes continued to own the Abbott Road property until 1956 when it was sold to Thomas and Gertrude Connell. Frank and Patricia Wheatley acquired the property in 1963 and continued to live here until 1979 when it was purchased by the present owners.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- Lexington Assessors Records.
- Lexington Directories, various dates.
- Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*